

**No. R-96. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp.**

(H.C.R.63)

Offered by: Representatives Helm of Fair Haven, Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Fields of Bennington, Morris of Bennington, and Canfield of Fair Haven

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, Ronald Knapp was born on January 12, 1925, and graduated from Bennington High School, and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at Syracuse University and, while serving as the lead drummer in the university's marching band, met his first wife, Frances (Marshall) Knapp, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp served his country as a member of both the U.S. Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines, and

Whereas, he returned to Bennington, and his employment included partnerships at Mardale Builders and Walbridge-Knapp Insurance and ownership of Knapp's Pets and Hobbies, and

Whereas, for 10 years, Ronald Knapp was a Bennington School District trustee, and he represented the towns of Bennington, Woodford, and Readsboro in the House of Representatives for five terms beginning in 1983, serving with honor and distinction in both legislative bodies, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp chaired the Vermont Ethics Network and served as president of the Greater Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and

Whereas, his fraternal memberships included the Masons and the Rotary, which honored him as a Paul Harris Fellow, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp was an avid hunter and fisherman, a leader in the Bennington Rod and Gun Club, and a board member of the Vermont Outing Club, and

Whereas, spirituality was important in Ronald Knapp's life, and he served as an active member of Bennington's First United Methodist Church, Second Congregational United Church of Christ, the Old First Church, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and

Whereas, following the death of Frances Knapp in 1970, Ronald Knapp married Ellen Gird, and they operated the Irish Vacation House, and

Whereas, Ronald Knapp's long life of business, community, and religious leadership, in which family was always of the foremost importance, ended with his death at 89 years of age on November 3, 2014, and survivors include his wife, Ellen; a son, the Reverend Marshall Hudson-Knapp of Fair Haven and his wife, Cindy; and two grandchildren, Naomi and Moses, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its sincere condolences to the family of former Representative Ronald K. Knapp, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to members of his family.